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SUBJECT: ACCOUNTABILITY OF WIPO DIRECTOR GENERAL - MOROCCO

RESPONSE

11. (SBU) Econoff first discussed the points conveyed reftels during a June 15 meeting with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Division Chief for International Organizations Ahmed Faouzi, urging the Government of Morocco to support holding the WIPO Director General accountable for his actions and abuses. At that time, Faouzi was guarded in his remarks, but speculated that it would be difficult garnishing support for the resignation of the Director General without also recommending another African replacement. Faouzi pledged to pass the information and U.S. position to Morocco's ambassador to its permanent mission in Geneva, Mohammed Loulichki.

12. (SBU) In a follow-up conversation on September 18, Faouzi was again noncommittal in his country's position, reiterating that it was an issue that would be handled and decided by Ambassador Loulichki.

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